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SECTION B

WHO IN THE WORLD

WHAT SINGING DUO WAS
ORIGINALLY KNOWN AS
CAESAR AND LEO?

Answer: Sonny and Cher

(Talk about a dynamic duo, Northwest and Alliance Partner KLM give you worldwide service to over 80 countries.)

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SkyTel takes two-way paging nationwide

By Kevin Maney
USA TODAY

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PAGER: SkyTel's two-way communicator.

put the pager into a laptop PC and type a reply of up to 95 characters. Replies can travel back several ways, including to another pager or via the Internet to a PC. Users can buy the SkyTel 2-Way device for \$399 or rent one for \$15 a month. For service, the lowest level would allow a user to receive unlimited messages in a region and send 100 replies a month for \$24.95. The top level allows unlimited messages nationwide and 200 replies a month for \$74.95. But SkyTel's service is only the begin-

ning, analysts say. Competitors AT&T and MobileComm are rushing to get into two-way messaging. That should drive down prices, creating "the next hot application — cheap, wireless e-mail," says Bill Bane of Mercer Management Consulting. Also coming: ▶ Portable PCs with built-in, two-way messaging. Cards that slide into the PCs will be ready in a year, CEO Tuckett says. Chips that put the capability inside the machines will come after that. ▶ The devices, built into cars and combined with satellite positioning devices, will offer security. If your car gets stolen, call the pager and tell it to turn off the car. Then tell the pager to send a return message saying where it is.

Nasdaq still expanding

Nasdaq's composite index is up sharply this year on top of a strong five-year run. And trading has been heavier on the New York Stock Exchange.



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Money

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A QUICK READ ON THE TOP MONEY NEWS OF THE DAY

MARKETS MONDAY

Dow Jones industrial average
9:30 a.m.: 4798
4:00 p.m.: 4780
↓ 17.16 Monday

Nasdaq composite	1050.18	▲ 0.92
S&P 500	582.77	▲ 0.58
T-bond, 30-year yield	6.53%	▲ 0.05
T-bill, 3-mo. discount rate	5.28%	- unch.
Gold, oz., Comex	\$386.20	▲ \$0.40
Lt. sweet crude oil, N.Y. Merc.	\$18.93	- unch.

Market Scoreboard, 3B

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By David Lieberman
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